

TABLE 147 - UNIVERSAL SERVICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

AGENCY	What steps have been taken by your agency or your legislature on Universal Service Issues?
ALABAMA PSC ALASKA PUC ARIZONA CC	Universal service is goal of PUC; no USF. Effective 7/1/95: allow new market entrants; all service providers are to share funding to maintain universal service.
ARKANSAS PSC CALIFORNIA PUC	Early 1995, PUC opened study on universal service. Findings to Legislature by 1/1/96.
COLORADO PUC	Adopted definition of Universal Service: one-party service; touch-tone; 2400 BPS capability. 1995--HB-1335 requires creation of state universal service fund, all contribute.
CONNECTICUT DPUC	Any entity meeting qualifications may draw from fund. PL 94-83, eff. 7/1/94, authorized DPUC to establish independent fund to support provision of basic service by any provider. Legislation allows consumers to apply Lifeline subsidy to the carrier of their choice.
DELAWARE PSC DC PSC	No USF Under consideration
FLORIDA PSC	1995 legislation requires establishment of USF and defines basic local service
GEORGIA PSC	1995--SB 137 requires creation of state universal service fund, all contribute. Any entity meeting qualifications may draw from fund.
HAWAII PUC IDAHO PUC ILLINOIS CC INDIANA URC	1994 Legislature authorized PUC to transfer universal service subsidy to alternate carriers. USF funded by surcharges on local access and toll minutes. Several open dockets address general local competition and universal service issues. High Cost Fund; funding by most telco entities.
IOWA UB KANSAS SCC	SCC established generic docket on modernizations plans, including examination of what should be considered "basic service" and examination of lifeline service.
KENTUCKY PSC LOUISIANA PSC MAINE PUC	Opened Admin. Case No. 355 April 1995 to study issues of local competition/universal service Universal service issues currently under consideration. No USF
MARYLAND PSC MASSACHUSETTS DPU MICHIGAN PSC MINNESOTA PUC MISSISSIPPI PSC	PSC intends to institute a proceeding regarding Universal Service issues. Under review in Docket 94-185 1995--SF 752 requires creation of state universal service fund, all contribute.
MISSOURI PSC MONTANA PSC NEBRASKA PSC NEVADA PSC NEW HAMPSHIRE PUC	Docket open to determine need for universal service fund. Docket 94-11035 addresses competition, including establishing Universal Service Fund.
NEW JERSEY BPU NEW MEXICO SCC NEW YORK PSC NORTH CAROLINA UC NORTH DAKOTA PSC	No USF Case 94-C-0095, generic proceeding opened 1994 to consider competition issues. 1995--HB 161 requires creation of state universal service fund, all contribute. No USF
OHIO PUC OKLAHOMA CC	Staff released working document on competition and universal service PUD 930001554, eff. 6/13/94, minimum standards requiring: 911 capability; one-party; custom-calling features; data transmission; lifeline service.
OREGON PUC PENNSYLVANIA PUC RHODE ISLAND PUC	Early 1995, PUC opened docket on universal service. PUC launched formal investigation to establish universal service principles/policies. Under study in Docket 2252 (competition)
SOUTH CAROLINA PSC SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TENNESSEE PSC TEXAS PUC	No USF 2/7/95, PSC directed staff to propose guidelines for creation of universal service fund. Late 1994, PUC proposed: basic service defined as single-line, tone-dialed, voice-grade service meeting PUC quality standards. Must provide access to: E-911, local/long-distance operators; direct-dialed long distance by a carrier of choice, TRS and phone line repair. 1995--HB 2128 requires creation of state universal service fund, all contribute.
UTAH PSC	All local companies, carriers and resellers providing intrastate retail toll type services required by law and PUC rule to participate in Universal Service Fund program.
VERMONT PSB	SB-311, eff. 10/1/94, establishes a broad-based Universal Service Fund. 911 service providers collect 1.25% surcharge on each customer's total bill to fund: Lifeline program; state high-cost fund; telecom relay service; statewide E-911 system to be done by 7/1/97.
VIRGINIA SCC WASHINGTON UTC	Has a Universal Service Plan for qualified low-income consumers. Eff. 1994, newly authorized CLECs required to collect the same state and local surcharges & taxes that LECs do to support lifeline, TRS, high cost fund and E-911 service.
WEST VIRGINIA PSC WISCONSIN PSC WYOMING PSC	None Staff developing draft rules for Universal Service Fund; hearing on rules 9/7/95. 1995 law mandates state universal fund administered by PSC, funded by phone bill surcharge.

TABLE 154 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MODERNIZATION ACTIVITIES

AGENCY	State Government Has Its Own Communications Network?	Distance Learning Projects Under Way?	Telemedicine Projects Under Way?	Existing Telecom Infrastructure Has Been Studied/ Inventoried?	Any Telcos Operating Under Incentives?	Other Activities?
ALABAMA PSC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ALASKA PUC		Yes	Yes	Under way	No	
ARIZONA CC		Yes		Under way	Not yet	
ARKANSAS PSC	Yes-E-mail; Internet access pending	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
CALIFORNIA PUC	Yes--Internet access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
COLORADO PUC	Yes-BBS by April '95	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CONNECTICUT DPUC		Yes		Yes	Yes	
DELAWARE PSC	Yes--E-mail/Internet setting up BBS	Yes				
DC PSC	No	No	No	Yes 2/	Yes	
FLORIDA PSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
GEORGIA PSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
HAWAII PUC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
IDAHO PUC	Part of agency has E-mail & Internet	Yes	Yes-LEC	Yes	Yes	
ILLINOIS CC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
INDIANA URC	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
IOWA UB	Yes--E-mail & Inter- net access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
KANSAS SCC	Yes-BBS/E-mail; Internet pending	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
KENTUCKY PSC	No-by contract	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LOUISIANA PSC			Yes		Yes	
MAINE PUC	Contract w/Wynex	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
MARYLAND PSC	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
MASSACHUSETTS DPU	Yes	Yes	Yes		Pending	
MICHIGAN PSC		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
MINNESOTA PUC	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MISSISSIPPI PSC		Yes		Pending		
MISSOURI PSC		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
MONTANA PSC	Partial	Yes	Yes	Pending	No	Yes
NEBRASKA PSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pending		Yes
NEVADA PSC				Pending		
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUC	Yes--BBS	Yes	In planning	Yes		
NEW JERSEY BPU		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NEW MEXICO SCC		Yes	In study	Pending		
NEW YORK PSC	Yes--E-mail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NORTH CAROLINA UC		Yes	Yes			
NORTH DAKOTA PSC		Yes		Pending		
OHIO PUC	Yes--BBS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
OKLAHOMA CC		Yes	Yes	Pending		
OREGON PUC	Yes	Yes		Yes		
PENNSYLVANIA PUC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RHODE ISLAND PUC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA PSC	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes
SOUTH DAKOTA PUC	Yes	Yes	Yes			
TENNESSEE PSC	Yes--Internet access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
TEXAS PUC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UTAH PSC		Yes	Yes	Pending		
VERMONT PSB				Yes	Yes	
VIRGINIA SCC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WASHINGTON UTC	Yes	Trial		Yes	No	Yes
WEST VIRGINIA PSC			Yes		Yes	
WISCONSIN PSC	Yes--BBS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes 1/
WYOMING PSC	Yes--Internet access	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	

1/ PSC must report annually to the legislature on infrastructure.

2/ Monitoring of existing telecom infrastructure on an ongoing basis via periodic filing of infrastructure information.

In the Matter of  
Amendment of the  
Commission's Rules and Policies  
to Increase Subscribership and Usage of the  
Public Switched Network

CC Docket No. 95-115

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, JAMES BRADFORD RAMSAY, certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to all parties on the attached Service List.

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